AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to each image, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage;

a player that successively plays the video according to the control information;

an image plane;

a platform including a processor that executes native codes, the platform interpreting and executing predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into the native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage, and including a native code for selecting a program executer that interprets and executes the predetermined codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each image in the storage; an image selector that selects at least one an image to be rendered from among of the plurality of images stored in the storage to be rendered based on a specified location that is a location, on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in currently being played, which is specified based on the control information,

and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage, and storing the

selected image in the image plane; and

~~a renderer that renders the selected at least one image during playback of the video~~ and

a compositor that superimposes the selected image stored in the image plane on the video

during playback of the video.

2. – 7. (Cancelled).

8.   (Currently Amended) A playback method used for, ~~in~~ a playback apparatus that plays

~~comprising a storage, for playing~~ a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording

medium including a computer program that is to be executed during playback of the video

stream, the video stream including control information for specifying a location on a time axis

relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, the computer program including

predetermined codes for designating a plurality of images and a rendition time corresponding to

each image, the playback apparatus having ~~comprising:~~ a storage, an image plane, and a platform

including a processor for executing native codes, the playback method comprising:

successively playing the video according to the control information;

interpreting and executing the predetermined codes by converting the predetermined

codes into native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the

native codes for storing the designated plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding

to each image in the storage;

selecting, by causing the processor to execute the native code for selecting the image, the

selected image to be rendered from among the designated plurality of images stored in the

storage, ~~at least one image of the plurality of images to be rendered~~ based on a specified location ~~that is a location,~~ on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in ~~currently being played, which is specified based on~~ the control information, and the rendition time corresponding to each image stored in the storage, and storing the selected image in the image plane; and

superimposing the selected image stored in the image plane on the video during the playback of the video ~~rendering the selected at least one image during playback of the video~~.